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NAMES LOST IN THE DESERT – LIVES WE CAN'T FORGET

By Herbert Molano

What is it like? How does it feel to be stranded in the desert hungry, weak, and injured with two young children looking up to you for sustenance and comfort where there is none to give except the shade you provide them from the sun?

The ground is hot under your feet. Your lips are blistered and your mouth parched. You try to extract a few consoling words to your young children, Armine and Garo, but instead you cough out phlegm and sand. "Where is momma?" Armine asks. She looks around at the hundreds of ragged people staggering aimlessly near the rail road tracks hundreds of miles from the nearest village. There is no food in sight. No water. No mother to whom to reach out. As she turns to embrace you she hears a loud thud near her. She looks back. An elderly man has just fallen face first into the sand. He is not moving. She stares waiting for him to regain his strength and pull himself up to breathe. He doesn't move.

Armine reaches out instead to embrace her smaller brother and cover his eyes. She doesn't want him to see the inevitable fate that awaits them. She's taken the role of comforter. She is eight years old, but in the past few weeks she's become a surrogate mother to Garo. She's seen more horror and cruelty in the last few weeks of her young childhood than anyone deserves to see in a lifetime.

You feel as if in a daze. Your mind drifts back to the days when you told them funny stories and their innocent laughs filled your soul with the purest essence of life. Who will remember them? Who could comprehend the anguish of a grandparent watching his grandchild collapse and die in his arms? Who could bear the sorrow of a father too weak to bury his child in the cruel dry desert heat?

Who will remember the lives that were so vibrant once, or think of a future that would never be fulfilled? If only we can grasp the magnitude of the atrocity, it could motivate us into action.

Genocide – Never again.

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." – Thomas Jefferson.

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The changed dynamic is good

[Even Police Commissioners do it.](#) The former New York police chief who became a national hero after the September 11 terrorist attacks was sentenced February 18, 2010 to four years in prison. Bernard Kerik, the city's only police commissioner to ever plead guilty to a crime, confessed to eight felonies, including tax fraud and lying to White House officials. As well as making false statements to the White House, Kerik admitted accepting a \$250,000 payback in the form of home renovations from a company to which he gave a city contract.



The company installed marble bathrooms, a Jacuzzi and a new kitchen in Kerik's apartment in the up market New York suburb of Riverdale. "The fact that Mr Kerik would use that event for personal gain and aggrandizement is a dark place in the soul for me," Judge Robinson said. "I think it's fair to say that with great power comes great responsibility and great consequences. I think the damage caused by Mr Kerik is in some ways immeasurable."

LOS ANGELES (CN) - [Los Angeles sued Advanced Development](#) Investment and others for \$210 million, claiming they defrauded the city in low-income housing projects. Glendale filed a similar complaint. The defendants in Los Angeles' Superior Court complaint are: Advanced Development Investment Inc., Ajit Development & Investment Inc., Pacific Housing Diversified Inc., Salim Karimi, Jannki Mithaiwala, Ajit Mithaiwala, Ulhas Jain, Ajeet Shah, Mamta Dhurandhar, California City Lights LLC, and SADI LLC. Glendale sued the same defendants, and Tina Mithaiwala, Metropolitan City Lights, Glendale City Lights, Metro Loma and Vassar Project. Rodney Khan's name was missing from the suits as was John Drayman.

[LA Times: Bell CA](#) -- In a marathon meeting that began Wednesday evening and stretched until the predawn hours Thursday, the council accepted the resignation of the city attorney, ordered a search for a new police chief, scrapped a costly pension plan, rejected more than a dozen legal claims filed by the city's former leaders and signaled that the council — not an appointed administrator — would approve even the most minute of municipal expenditures.

In a town where the elected government had been virtually paralyzed by scandal, the meeting marked a burst of democracy by the newly elected City Council. The meeting ended at 3:30 a.m. with two residents left in the audience.

Interim Chief Administrator Pedro Carrillo, who was hired to guide Bell after Rizzo, Rizzo's chief assistant and the police chief were forced out of City Hall, commended the council for sharing responsibility for the city's finances.

"It's refreshing," Carrillo said. "It's a luxury I did not have before."

Carrillo warned earlier this year that the city was in deep financial trouble and could face a deficit as high as \$4.5 million by the end of the fiscal year. Carrillo outlined several drastic options, such as cutting municipal services or even disbanding the Police Department.

[Glendale News-Press:](#) Barry Allen quoted - "I think that from listening to his comments on Monday and Tuesday that he is very sincere about getting into the economics and finances of the city," said Barry Allen, who often gets into tense exchanges with those on the dais. "I think that Rafi coming in will change that dynamic."

That dynamic also leaves Allen without the subject he railed against after several months of using the council podium to question renovations performed on then-Councilman John Drayman's home by subcontractors of Advanced Development & Investment Inc., an affordable housing firm now under federal investigation.

But Allen said that even with Drayman's absence, he will continue to question the city's involvement with ADI.

"We're not going to go away," he said.

[AP: Montebello -- The California](#) controller will audit this struggling city for financial irregularities amid suspicions that it submitted false, incomplete or incorrect reports. Controller John Chiang announced the upcoming audit Thursday in a letter to officials in the eastern Los Angeles suburb of 65,000, which also has been the target of federal and local investigations. Montebello has a multimillion-dollar budget deficit and could be broke by October. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development found last year that the city had misused federal housing grant money for a project that was never completed. The agency is demanding the city repay \$2.2 million. Chiang's letter to Montebello officials that more than \$1 million in city funds had moved through two off-the-books accounts. City officials said last month that some of the money was loaned to a developer to build a restaurant. Chiang also noted the apparently improper use of restricted funds to pay operating expenses such as payroll. The city authorized borrowing as much as \$19 million from its redevelopment agency last year to balance its general fund budget. Reports indicate nearly \$15 million was borrowed.

The newly formed Alhambra Taxpayers Association, an affiliate of Vanguardians, is up and operational. Under the direction of Vanguardians Board Member John Kraft, they are welcomed into the arena for local government accountability advocacy.

Vanguard was selected to participate in a study of towed and impounded vehicles. If your vehicle was towed and impounded since January 2011 please call or email Vanguard. info@vanguardians.org or 818 243 1502

Civic Watchdog Training

Vanguardians has received a grant for materials and facilities to provide training and educational materials for training in the Sunshine Laws to prepare watchdogs for public advocacy in California local government. Contact Barry Allen at 818 243 1502 or email him at info@vanguardians.org for more information.

SAMUEL ADAMS: It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds.

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1 COMMENTARY

You may agree or disagree with the views below. Feel free to comment on them. The commentaries do not necessarily reflect the position of Vanguardians

From the Publisher... SITTING IN THE CAT BIRD SEAT



Growing up I had a hard time deciding what I should be. A Doctor, my dad wanted one of his kids to become one. A Lawyer. That sounded appealing. While I was in pre-law I opened a detective agency that included all forms of physical security including an ambulance section and limited first responder fire equipment. Quite a learning experience.

I decided while all this was going on I should run for public office. I did. For city council of a 12,000 population city. I garnered 20% of the vote.

My interests continue to this day. I was curious watching the newly turned out Mayor, Laura Friedman. So I compared the Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 she filed when first elected to public office in 2009 with the one filed as an annual report in 2011 two years later. In the two years her business, Planet Glass.net is generating \$10,000 to a \$100,000 a year and her income from her husbands business is generating for her share \$10,000 to \$100,000. The 700 form has a check box for a range of income.

Then there are stocks and mutual funds for which the acquisition dates were left off the form by the preparer. I assume, as they were not included in 2009, they must have been acquired since then.

Company	Asset Type	Fair Market Value (FMV)	Value Range
Amgen	stock	Fair Market Value (FMV)	\$2,000 - \$10,000
Hologic	stock	FMV	\$2,000 - \$10,000
IBM	stock	???	\$2,000 - \$10,000
P&G	stock	FMV	\$2,000 - \$10,000
B of A	stock	FMV	\$2,000 - \$10,000
Pfizer	stock	FMV	\$2,000 - \$10,000
WAMU Invest	stock	FMV	\$10,000 - \$100,000
Cap World Gr	mutual fund	FMV	\$10,000 - \$100,000

Some of the more recent methods of transferring money from one person to another to avoid paying taxes or to avoid the scrutiny of oversight is cash, credit or debit cards or stock in a street name. This is not to infer that Mayor Friedman acquired her assets in that fashion.

Shortly after being elected to office Friedman was asked to vote on a change in the contractor for the city parking structures where, I understand from two confidential informants (CI), money changed hands in order to make sure the vote was in favor of a change. The contract was switched from Parking Concepts to Modern Parking for an amount of \$5,321,544 for a three year period. It was moved by Drayman, seconded by Friedman who both voted for it as well as Quintero. The 'No' votes were by Najarian and Weaver. Check the City Archives for the June 30, 2009 minutes of the Council meeting. It is my information and belief that one elected official was offered and turned down \$20,000, another turned down two offers, a third received up to \$50,000 and the last two an unknown amount. We have been provided the names of three of the people offering the money to elected officials and the names of three that took it. I expect that this story will continue to develop as did the ADI story, which by the way is still a work in progress.

“Deprivation of Civil Rights under the Color of Law, 42 USC 1983” is a phrase that many law enforcement officials have feared when it is applied to them. It is something that they do their best to keep in mind when they are arresting someone. Depriving someone of their rights is quite serious. Maria Smart writing in the GNP brought that issue to the forefront when former councilmember John Drayman eviscerated Mike Mohill without giving Mohill any benefit of rebuttal because rebuttal is refused by the Brown Act. So the question arises as to whether a government official, other than a police officer, can deprive someone of their civil rights.

First off we need to know what are Civil Rights and then what is the law.

Civil rights are personal rights guaranteed and protected by the U.S. Constitution and federal laws enacted by Congress, such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Civil rights include, for example:

- freedom of speech,
- the right to vote,
- due process of law,
- equal protection of the laws, and
- protection from unlawful discrimination.

[TITLE 42 > CHAPTER 21 > SUBCHAPTER I > § 1983](#). Civil action for deprivation of rights

Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia, subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress, except that in any action brought against a judicial officer for an act or omission taken in such officer's judicial capacity, injunctive relief shall not be granted unless a declaratory decree was violated or declaratory relief was unavailable. For the purposes of this section, any Act of Congress applicable exclusively to the District of Columbia shall be considered to be a statute of the District of Columbia.

And

[TITLE 18 > PART I > CHAPTER 13 > § 242](#) Deprivation of rights under color of law

Whoever, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or to different punishments, pains, or penalties, on account of such person being an alien, or by reason of his color, or race, than are prescribed for the punishment of citizens, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; and if bodily injury results from the acts committed in violation of this section or if such acts include the use, attempted use, or threatened use of a dangerous weapon, explosives, or fire, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; and if death results from the acts committed in violation of this section or if such acts include kidnapping or an attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to kill, shall be fined under this title, or imprisoned for any term of years or for life, or both, or may be sentenced to death.

In some states this has been upheld holding liable elected officials that have used their office improperly. Several California cases were dismissed due to technical issues dealing with Federal Court Rules.

I have asked Maria Bertram, one of our volunteers to research this subject. There will be more on this in future issues. I also asked Steve Stoner to shed some light on The Process of Criminal Justice

Most people want the benefits of an accountable government but are afraid to work for accountability or to support those that do often because they fear retaliation or are the beneficiaries of the largesse or corruption of government

THE EGOTIST



There is a telling difference between the egoist who continually aims to benefit himself and the egotist who acts as if the world revolves around him. Often, the two traits reside comfortably in the same person in the form of a politician or a self-serving publicity hound. We have our share of egotist/egoists in our own city council, but sometimes they are just too into themselves to see their false reflection in the mirror.

Last Tuesday afternoon during the Housing Authority session, I made the assertion that our city policies and the distribution of revenues are unfair to the youth who are underserved by adequate parkland and who, according to the Quality of Life indicators, are barely above the 50 percentile in the school district fitness scale. My claim was aimed specifically at the limited operation of the soon-to-be-opened aquatic facility that will be short of sufficient operational funds. Councilman Ara Najarian replied to my observation, not on the essence of the claim, but rather to my introduction.

I had inferred that because we now have two women heading both the city council and the GUSD, maybe we will have a more salient cooperation and concern about the underserved youth in South Glendale where parkland and after-school programs are insufficient. Najarian, in his over-the-top portrayal of the self-righteous councilman he's become took issue with my observation. He self-proclaimed that he is a good father who coached his sons' soccer team. The inference was that men, like himself, deserve credit and that women alone are not privy to their concern about children.

What Najarian does not recognize is that my claim was about a concern we should have about others. There is not much to acclaim or to laud a parent for doing what he is supposed to do. As a parent, you are supposed to provide sustenance and support to your children, or take them to school in the morning. There is nothing praise-worthy about a parent being involved in his children's sporting activities. We admonish parents who are not involved and ignore their children's needs. Najarian failed to recognize that my hope is for a renewed interest in the needs of children whose neighborhoods are devoid of programs to keep them engaged. It is, in essence, an exercise in justice, fairness and equity. It only requires a smidgeon of empathy by showing concern about the quality of life of people that don't live inside your own household or in your own immediate neighborhood.

Last Tuesday, the GUSD approved the reduction of teachers whose jobs were funded by special state programs. The students who will lose out are precisely those who need the special programs and whose neighborhoods are the poorest or whose parents can't afford the special tutoring and educational augmentation their kids require. In the meantime, the same entity – the GUSD – is paying electricity rates much higher than those at the LAUSD. Those higher rates, if reduced, could easily restore the employment of teachers who are serving those disadvantaged students. What is wrong with this picture?

The city council of the city of Glendale has increased its personnel payroll, increased its pay to managers, police, and fire so high that it can't afford to provide the services many communities need. The pension increases have been so outrageous that tens of millions of dollars will soon be sucked out of its core budget to provide luxury pensions to a few hundred retirees.

This is a city that claims it can't afford to keep the aquatic facility opened for an additional six weeks so that it can retire its men in uniform with 90% of their highest annual pay for the rest of their lives. These are the same men who agreed, when they were hired, to a pension that was exceptional even then – 75% of the average of their last three year's pay.

So now that the pension obligation is hammering the city's finances, we short-change our youth programs and load the school district with higher electricity costs than they can bear so that the city can then transfer the money to the general fund.

But Najarian had no interest in addressing the core issues I made in my claim. He took the time to admonish a stakeholder who wants to speak truth to power. Najarian played it up with a portrait of himself as the good father. What's next? Should we give him applause for putting on his pants one leg at a time? How about a star for driving his children to school in a Rolls Royce?

Have our expectations in society become so low that politicians must now put their family picture on their campaign brochure as a sign that they are concerned citizens? Since when is keeping your family intact worthy of special praise? How about a picture of the politician kissing his dog? Is that sufficient grounds to elect someone?

Praise-worthy politicians are those willing to stand up to the special interests who want to extract as much of our tax money for themselves. That police and fire unions are willing to use their hero image to extract so much of our city revenues that they can drive a city into bankruptcy is more telling of the moral collapse our society faces. All it takes is one unctuous politician, devoid of empathy, to trash our concept of justice while playing it up for their support.

What's next? Donald Trump for president? Good grief! **HERBERT MOLANO** Click here FOR [Glendale Today](#)

"Politics is entertainment. It's a sport. It's for the well groomed and well heeled. The impeccably dressed. Party animals. Politicians are interchangeable." - Bob Dylan

THE PROCESS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Criminal justice is a process, involving a series of steps beginning with a criminal investigation and ending with the release of a convicted offender from correctional supervision. Rules and decision making are at the center of this process.

RULES

Sources of rules in criminal justice include the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, state constitutions, the U.S. Code, state codes, court decisions, federal rules of criminal procedure, state rules of criminal procedure, and department and agency rules and regulations. The Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, for example, govern the procedure in all criminal proceedings in courts of the United States.

DISCRETION

Decision making in criminal justice involves more than the learning of rules and the application of them to specific cases. Decisions are based on discretion, that is, the individual exercise of judgment to make choices about alternative courses of action. Discretion, or making decisions without formal rules, is common in criminal justice. Discretion comes into play whenever police make choices about whether to arrest, investigate, search, question, or use force. Similarly, prosecutors exercise individual judgment in deciding whether to charge a person with a crime and whether to plea-bargain. Judges also use discretion when setting bail, accepting or rejecting plea bargains, ruling on pretrial motions, and sentencing. Parole board members exercise discretion when deciding whether and when to release inmates from prison.

STEPS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS

The major steps in processing a criminal case are as follows:

1. **Investigation** of a crime by the police. The purpose of a criminal investigation is to gather evidence to identify a suspect and support an arrest. An investigation may require a **search**, an exploratory inspection of a person or property. **Probable cause** is the standard of proof required for a search. Probable cause means there are facts or apparent facts indicating that evidence of criminality can be found in a specific place.
2. **Arrest** of a suspect by the police. An arrest involves taking a person into custody for the purpose of holding the suspect until court. **Probable cause** is the legal requirement for an arrest. It means that there is a reasonable link between a specific person and a particular crime.
3. **Prosecution** of a criminal defendant by a district attorney. When deciding whether to charge a person with a crime, prosecutors weigh many factors, including the seriousness of the offense and the strength of the evidence.
4. **Indictment** by a grand jury or the filing of an **information** by a prosecutor. Under the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, an indictment is required when prosecuting a capital offense. A prosecutor has the option of an indictment or an information in cases involving crimes punishable by imprisonment. In about half the states and the federal system, a grand jury decides whether to bring charges against a person in a closed hearing in which only the prosecutor presents evidence. The defendant has no right to be present at grand jury proceedings and no right to have a defense attorney represent him or her before the grand jury. The standard for indicting a person for a crime is **probable cause**. In the remaining states, a prosecutor files a charging document called an **information**. A preliminary (probable cause) hearing is held to determine if there is enough evidence to warrant a trial. The defendant and his or her attorney can be present at this hearing to dispute the charges.

5. **Arraignment** by a judge. Before the trial, the defendant appears in court and enters a plea. The most common pleas are guilty and not guilty.
6. **Pretrial detention** and/or **bail**. Detention refers to a period of temporary custody prior to trial. Bail is an amount of money paid by a defendant to ensure he or she will show up for a trial.
7. **Plea bargaining** between the defense attorney and the prosecutor. Usually, in plea bargaining, the defendant agrees to plead guilty in exchange for a charge reduction or sentence reduction.
8. **Trial/adjudication of guilt** by a judge or jury, with a prosecutor and a defense attorney participating. A trial is held before a judge or jury. The standard of evidence for a criminal conviction is **guilt beyond a reasonable doubt**—less than 100 percent certainty but more than high probability. If there is doubt based on reason, the accused is entitled to be acquitted.
9. **Sentencing** by a judge. If the accused is found guilty, a judge metes out a sentence. Possible sentences include a fine, probation, a period of incarceration in a correctional institution, such as a jail or prison, or some combination of supervision in the community and incarceration.
10. **Appeals** filed by attorneys in appellate courts and then ruled on by appellate judges. If an appellate court reverses a case, the case returns to trial court for retrial. With a reversal, the original trial becomes **moot** (that is, it is as though it never happened). Following a reversal, a prosecutor decides whether to refile or drop the charges. Even if a prosecutor drops the charges, the defendant can still be prosecuted later as long as the statute of limitations for the crime the defendant is accused of committing hasn't run out. Such a statute imposes time limits on the government to try a case.
11. **Punishment** and/or **rehabilitation** administered by local, state, or federal correctional authorities. Most inmates do *not* serve the complete term and are released before the expiration of their maximum sentences. Release may be obtained by serving the maximum sentence mandated by a court or through an early release mechanism, such as parole or pardon.

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNNEL AND THE CONSTITUTION

The criminal justice process is like a funnel, wide at the top and narrow at the bottom. Early in the criminal justice process, there are many cases, but the number of cases dwindles as decision makers remove cases from the process. Some cases are dismissed, while others are referred for treatment or counseling. Another way of expressing the funnel effect is to say that there are many more suspects and defendants than inmates. As criminal justice scholar Joel Samaha notes, the U.S. Constitution requires the government to support every deprivation of privacy, life, liberty, or property with facts. The greater the deprivation, the more facts that government agents are required to produce. A stop on the street requires fewer facts than an arrest; an arrest requires fewer facts than an indictment; an indictment requires fewer facts than a criminal conviction. [Cite this article](#) **STEVE STONER**

The penalty good men and women pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men. PLATO

TAKE ACTION – GET INVOLVED – BE INFORMED – SHARE VANGUARD – VOLUNTEER

2Shout Box

ED – Letters published do not necessarily express the opinion of Vanguardians, Vanguard News Service, the organization or Barry Allen. Names are used only when requested. Initials are used as there are people, believe it or not, who are concerned with retaliation or have issues before a legislative body. Letters may be published that are signed and are not hate oriented.

Vanguard, don't minimize your efforts in providing the voters with the facts about former Council member Drayman. You provided facts that, without hearing from Mr. Drayman, were incontrovertible. One of your columnists spelled it out quite well when he wrote that Drayman would be unable to respond were it to further implicate him. Your cartoon about digging the hole deeper was accurate. For five weeks you kept up the pressure even though the Mayor and the City Attorney tried to stop you from speaking. You must keep up the pressure and help bring accountability back to Glendale. DY

Some people requested the link to the redevelopment meeting I referred to my answer to Dan Kimber. I inadvertently left out the video link to the meeting on ADI of July 8, 2008 in my reply to Dan Kimber. Here is that link: http://glendale.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=23&clip_id=805

Skip to minute 47 where the public comments begin. Several local residents place their opposition with regard to traffic, parking, density, environment and other issues. One came with petitions against it. The project was approved nonetheless.

Such a project, had it been proposed on Foothill Blvd, would never have been approved given the same concerns as presented at this meeting.

Anyone driving by this and the adjacent ADI project would concur with the residents that this project, given its impact on the community, and its horrendous cost would have been precluded from moving forward in communities where residents are continually involved and have local news-papers attending to their needs.

Those who wrote to me objecting to the fact that I focused on Drayman are rightly justified in that the ADI projects were approved by more than just one councilman. It is my hope that they all are scrutinized as to their involvement with this developer. My reference was to Kimber who justifiably portrays Drayman for his apparent earnest devotion to good government. Herbert Molano

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Public Information



“Just the facts”

I never know what the next phone call will bring. A berating. A pat on the back. Or another person that wants to share some issue or information about corruption. The call that started this journey came in on March 21st from one of the people that usually has good information. This was about an incumbent councilmember running for re-election. The caller said that there had been some 911 calls to 624 Haverkamp and that the calls were about spousal abuse. I made a public records request that for some reason took the City 24 days to process, after the April 5th election. I wonder if it took so long because the police union supported and endorsed the resident of 624 Haverkamp.

It took 24 days to pull one record from an automated dispatch system.

On July 23, 2009 police dispatch received a 911 call from that address at 11:08 2 police cars were dispatched arriving on scene at 11:25 and clearing at 11:35 with a report of ‘NEOC’ No evidence of a crime.

The caller suggested that the female resident of that address had complained to friends and family about spousal abuse, a crime that is increasing in Glendale.

In recognition of Sunshine Week, the Los Angeles Times has added documents obtained under the California Public Records Act. Vanguardians is a contributor and those checking the LA Times will find those documents here. <http://documents.latimes.com/sunshine/>

“All truths are easy to understand once they have been discovered; the point is to discover them.”- Galileo Galilei.

Agendas for the City of Glendale CA



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Meetings at City Hall (CH) are in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor at 613 E Broadway.

Meetings at the Municipal Services Bldg. (MSB) are in room 105 at 633 E Broadway.

Meetings at the Perkins Bldg (PB) are in the Conference Room at 141 N Glendale Ave.

Phone numbers are in area code 818 unless noted otherwise

Monday, April 25

Special Meeting – Budget Study Session – 9:00 am, CH 548-4844
Historical Preservation Commission – 2:00 pm, MSB 548-2140
10th Annual Armenian Genocide Event – 6:30 pm, Alex Theatre, 216 N. Brand Blvd., 548-4844 (*Doors open at 5:30 pm*)

Tuesday, April 26

Housing Authority – 2:30 pm CH 548-2060
Redevelopment Agency – 2:30 pm, CH 548-2005
City Council – 6:00 pm, CH 548-4844

Wednesday, April 27

Special Meeting – Budget Study Session – 9:00 am, CH 548-4844
Planning Hearing Officer – 9:30 am, MSB 548-2140
Civil Service Commission – 5:00 pm, CH 548-2140
“Greener Glendale” Open House – 5:00 pm, MSB 937-8159

Thursday, April 28

Design Review Board #1 – 5:00 pm, MSB 548-2140

4 *Vanguardians*

Vanguard archives are available by clicking – [Home Page of Open Government \(???\) in Glendale California](#)

People from all over LA County are asking for Vanguard and for Vanguardians training. We are expanding our coverage of LA County activities to accommodate the needs of the community.

Vanguard is following these lawsuits and others: the 5 GPD officers; Rodriguez; Gillespie; Hayn; Hunter; Mendoza. The cases cited are from the Randy Adams regime and continue under Chief DePompa.

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- The [Political Reform Act of 1974](#) allows public access to the financial reports of public officials.
- www.maplight.org to follow the money trail from special interests to the policy maker

To become more involved in your community, to learn how to use these important tools, call 818 243 1502

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- ❖ Provide, without bias, the timely dissemination of information and knowledge of government activities to the community and elected officials
- ❖ Build, train and empower a knowledgeable, aware and involved community-wide group to monitor the integrity, performance and responsiveness of elected officials and government operations
- ❖ Encourage, by example, a community free to exchange facts and opinions on public issues by facilitating open debate and discussion on the issues
- ❖ Seek accountability, effectiveness and responsiveness from our government to insure integrity, efficiency and cost effectiveness
- ❖ Make government acutely aware there is a community watching, monitoring and measuring their activities

We, the people, have spoken...

We want to be connected to the Government

We want to be an integral part of the government process – not just a deep pocket

We want to be aware of the crucial developments facing government that directly impact on our ‘quality of life’


We want to know that our money is being spent wisely and prudently

We want to leave a prospering community for our children and grandchildren

Comments from the Community

[From The Glendale News Press 12-29-2003](#) The beginning of Accountability in Glendale Claiming that the city needs better oversight to monitor its finances and actions, [Barry Allen] is calling on city residents to form a watchdog group to look into everything, "I think an outside, independent agency that isn't funded by the city; that's funded by a grass-roots initiative, is what we really need."

Moral cowardice that keeps us from speaking our minds is as dangerous to this country as irresponsible talk. The right way is not always the popular and easy way. Standing for right when it is unpopular is a true test of moral character. [Margaret Chase Smith](#)

5  **the Insider** is written by city employees that care about the way the City is run. As they are concerned about retaliation, their identities are secret. Vanguard provides them the opportunity to have this forum. The comments are their own.

The Insider's are on break.



6 THE DENIZENS ON THE DAIS

It appears that the Council dynamic has been broken with Drayman's loss which is a gain for the future of Glendale. The public will no longer have the fear of a vindictive official and will return to speak before the Council. The first telling of the future is that the budget is finally coming to the Council and the public. We will see how that plays out, especially with a new union representing the GWP workers. Weaver's pronouncement of the fiscal health of the City will now be truthfully told. The City Manager's guarantee of three votes may change with Drayman gone. Who knows, maybe the Council will do the wise thing and trade MONA in for a viable museum and just pay a few thousand for liquidated damages instead of the millions it is on the hook for. The new dynamic with the experienced Rafi Manoukian may well be the best for the Glendale stakeholders.

"You can't win an argument with a Moron, an Idiot, or a Political Bigot" Kraft

When it began...

Weaver	Quintero	Najarian	Friedman	Manoukian
1997	2001	2005	2009	2011

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